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Welcome to the May 2014 edition of WPS e-News, a publication of the Washington Psychiatric Society. Our intent is to provide members with important news and notices in an easy to read format. **We welcome your submissions. Please send all notices to enews@dcpsych.org.** This publication may also be found online in PDF format for printing at <http://www.dcpsych.org>.

WPS NEWS

The WPS Annual Awards Dinner will be a Spring event in 2014. The Dinner, to be held on April 29, at the Columbia Country Club will start with a reception (cash bar) at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:15. This year, we have a stellar group of honorees. Reservations are \$95 per person. Please make your reservation now to attend.

Columbia Country Club
7900 Connecticut Avenue
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See the list of winners below.

2014 WPS Awards

Wellstone Award - Congressman Tim Murphy, Pennsylvania

Past President Award – Avram Mack, MD, DFAPA

Psychiatrist of the Year – Ann Birk, MD, DFAPA

Resident of the Year – Urooj Saeed, MD

Advocate of the Year - Thomas Wise, MD, DLFAPA

Community Service Award – Tanya Alim, MD, DFAPA

Distinguished Service Award – Gerald Perman, MD, DLFAPA

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Resident Fellow Meritorious Service Award – Veronica Sloatsky, MD; Layan Zhang, MD; Milangel Concepcion, MD; Rajeev Sharma, MD, Mona Thapa, MD

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Special Appreciation Award for Graphic Design – Betsy Earley

Awards to be Presented by APA

American Psychiatric Foundation Fuller Award for Advancing Minority Mental Health 2013 – William Lawson, MD, DLFAPA

American Psychiatric Leadership Fellowship – Miquel Alampay, MD

American Psychiatric Minority Leadership Fellowship – Mona Thapa, MD

APA Communications Award – Innovation and Emerging Technology – Gerald Perman, MD, DLFAPA
(accepting for WPS)

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**CME COMMITTEE**

**CME EVENTS:**

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Caryn Seebach, clinical psychologist in the pain program at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in DC, will present “Pain Psychology in Clinical Practice.” Place and time to be announced.

Please contact me or one of the CME Committee or Chris Cotter if you have suggestions for

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speakers or topics, or if you are willing to host one of our salons in your home on a weekend afternoon.

There were requests to do programming on HIV to help fulfill the new DC licensing requirement; we just did a program on AIDS last year. The DC Medical Society will be offering CME opportunities on HIV at no cost to its members. They have generously offered that our members can register for the events at no cost, and are encouraged to contact Pia Duryea at 466-1800, or [Duryea@msdc.org](mailto:Duryea@msdc.org) for more information about membership benefits.

-- Dan Hicks, MD, Chair

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### **Report of APA Area 3 Trustee for March 2014**

The Board of Trustees met on March 8 and 9 in Arlington, VA. Major items included:

Total APA membership in Jan.2014 stood at 35,003, a 3.4% increase from the prior year. Dues-paying members have also shown slow but welcome growth.

Brisk DSM-5 sales continue to occur, and parallel a nice increase in APA's overall investment portfolios. DSM-5 is the best selling medical textbook in history.

DSM-5's future. The Board approved the framework presented by a work group-- chaired by Dr. Paul Appelbaum--for making changes to the manual as scientific advances alter clinical practice. The report recognized that stability of psychiatric diagnosis is important; at the same time a DSM Steering Committee will be appointed, not limited only to APA members, to evaluate new developments and proposals for change. Also the DSM-5 website will be expanded "to allow interested parties to submit concerns about current criteria or proposals for new criteria or disorders." This will also increase the transparency of the revision process. As changes are approved, they can be reflected in the online edition of DSM. And periodically, perhaps every 5 years, a new DSM edition (e.g. DSM-5.1) can be

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APA's ongoing initiative to enforce parity laws-- so that patients can have the insurance benefits for which they and their employers have paid—continues aggressively, with an ongoing campaign of litigation combined with strategic public relations.

The Board and its Research Advisory Committee are working to shape the extent and structure of APA's research activities going forward.

Medical Director/CEO Dr. Saul Levin presented ongoing reorganization of association activities, and the search for a new Chief Communications Officer.

The American Psychiatric Foundation reported on its exciting programs, including *Typical or Troubled*, a program for schools; the *Healthy Minds* PBS TV Series; and Partnership for Workplace Mental Health, as well as a major new initiative for depression in the workplace called *Right Direction*.

The Health Care Reform Strategic Action Work Group, chaired by Dr. Howard Goldman, has been widely surveying the rapidly changing healthcare scene to keep APA in the forefront of developments. Nearly ready are toolkits to help psychiatrists and planners developing expanding services in state Medicaid plans. Also being prepared is a white paper to provide an overview of how quality measures will affect psychiatric practice as the healthcare system evolves.

The Board also appointed a work group including APA staff to evaluation options regarding APA endorsement of liability insurance companies.

Respectfully submitted,

--Brian

Brian Crowley, MD, DLFAPA



### **MSDC Alert!**

#### **Tax Identity Theft Scam Affects Physicians**

#### **Physician Social Security Numbers Possibly Compromised - Fraudulent IRS Tax Filings**

The Medical Society of the District of Columbia has received reports from a number of other state medical societies about an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax scam affecting physicians. According to the reports, fraudulent income tax returns are being filed using physician names, addresses and Social Security numbers. IRS officials believe this scam is an attempt to fraudulently recover tax refunds.

Physicians have become aware of the scam after attempting to file their 2013 income tax returns with the IRS. Victims have been unable to file their taxes electronically, as a return has already been filed under their Social Security number. Physicians have been impacted by fraudulent federal and state tax returns, including out-of-state filings. This breach has been reported in Utah, Michigan, New Mexico, Arizona, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, and Indiana, but the Medical Society has not received any reports from physicians in the District.

The Medical Society wants physicians to be aware of this scam and recommends the following:

1. ACCESS IRS IDENTITY PROTECTION RESOURCES: The IRS has tools and information available on its [identity protection information page](#) to help fight identity theft. The IRS is also sending 5071C letters to suspected fraud victims with instructions to visit the [IRS identity theft website](#) or call the IRS at (800) 830-5084.
2. CONTACT MSDC: If you have been affected by this scam OR if you detect unusual or suspicious activity on your credit report, please notify MSDC Executive Vice President Ed Shanbacker at 202-466-1800 or [shanbacker@msdc.org](mailto:shanbacker@msdc.org).

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